

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are one and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for  
toil; Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.

## Acknowledgements

Council acknowledges the following for assisting with today's celebrations:

Mr Paul Braybrooks OAM

Mr Peter Beath

Mr Murray Izzard

Cootamundra SES Crew

Cootamundra Youth Council

Cootamundra Lions Club

Coota Connections

Sister Kathy Hodge RSM

CGRC Councillors & Staff



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## ALBERT PARK COOTAMUNDRA PROGRAM



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# Welcome to Australia Day in the Park 2026

**8:00am - Enjoy breakfast catered by Cootamundra Lions Club  
& music by Coota Connections.**

**Citizenship Ceremony - Deputy Mayor Ros Wight.**

**Welcome to Country - Mr Peter Beath, Cootamundra Aboriginal Working Party.**

**Prayer - Sister Kathy Hodge RSM.**

**Didgeridoo Performance - Mr Murray Izzard, local didgeridoo player.**

**Mr Peter McLean Australia Day Ambassador.**

**Presentation 2026 Student Grants - Mr Bill Godman,  
Cootamundra Community Education Fund.**

**Paul Braybrooks - Australian classic recital.**

**Presentation of Australia Day Awards -**

**Deputy Mayor Ros Wight & Australia Day Ambassador Peter McLean.**

**Photo opportunity.**

**Cutting of Australia Day Cake.**

**End of formal proceedings, enjoy the music & catching up with friends.**

**12 noon - Pool Party at Cootamundra Swimming Pool**

Indigenous Childrens  
Craft Corner,  
making string  
bracelets & necklaces

Face Painting



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